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Re CA-1776, August 21, 1959.

1. EMBTEL 147, September 16 concurred FY 1960 MAP if no reduction or stretchout over-all program would result.

MAAG/Libya submission FY 1961 MAP was in amount $900,000 but subsequently MAAG representative was informed in Paris to revise since FY 1960 ceiling of $526,200 would carry over to FY 1961 MAP. This, along with no approved FY 1959 program, inevitably means some stretchout with which I unable concur for reasons EMBTEL 147 and following: A. UK has now practically completed delivery all light items for LA at mutually agreed strength 5000 men.

B. Libyan Army accelerating expansion currently recruiting 600 to bring strength to 4300; full strength could be reached even well before deliveries under FY 1961 MAP.

C. Present indications LA capable utilizing all heavy equipment programmed FY 1961 upon delivery of such equipment to Libya.

D. GOL most likely request delivery balance all heavy items early FY 1961; inability meet such request not in our national interest.

2. Considering all known assets regardless of source or precise condition, but not considering attrition and replacements, therefore, FY 1961 requirement for heavy equipment (except ammunition) can be preponderantly satisfied by additional of approximately $250,000

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$250,000 for selected general and special purpose vehicles as supplement latest FY 1961 MAP submission.

3. Therefore, I urge adoption FY 1961 ceiling of at least $776,200 in light of considerations paragraph 1 above.

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